PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting is an effective means to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and noise, and to conserve energy; and

WHEREAS, bicycle commuting benefits both employees and employers through better employee health and fitness; reduced commuting, parking and health care costs; lower employee absenteeism and turnover; and increased employee productivity; and

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of businesses have installed bicycle parking and other facilities to encourage employees and customers to commute by bicycle; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria offers beautiful trails that bicyclists can enjoy as they commute to and from work; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria through its participation in the regional Street Smart campaign strives to make roads safer for bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is "National Bike Month" to promote the bicycle as a means of transportation and recreation, and May is also "Clean Air Month" to promote air quality;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2004, as:

"BIKE TO WORK DAY"

in the City of Alexandria.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 27th day of April 2004.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council

of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk